

MR. SPEAKER: Now if it is irrelevant, it will not form part of the record. If it is relevant, it will be in the record. Now you are allowed to speak something to highlight and you are not allowed to speak something which will get a response of this nature. You please continue your speech.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, my submission is that the farmer is the son of the Mother Earth, he grows food for us. He works in the field in winter, in summer and in rains for 18 hours continuously and grows food for all the countrymen. But today his condition is pitiable. Because of 40 per cent rise in the prices of fertilisers, he is overburdened. Due to this, the Green Revolution has suffered a severe blow, and at the same time the Government is perpetuating family rule by allocating a sum of Rs. 100 crore for the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.....*(Interruptions)*.....

[English]

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): With your permission, I would like to say.....*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: You have just said—and very correctly so—that hon. Members are free to say what they think is relevant to the subject on which they are speaking and what is not relevant need not be said. And if it is said, it will not form part of the record.

[Translation]

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA (South Delhi): How can you say so?

(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI ARJUN SINGH : I am quoting the Speaker.

[Translation]

Have some courage to listen. *(Interruptions)*.

[English]

I quoted the Speaker. *(Interruptions)* This is what you Sir, have said. I think what the hon. Speaker has said should be heeded and I think, it is the duty of all of us, to whichever side of the House we belong that light-hearted jibes which hurt the feelings of the Members, should not be made on the Floor of the House. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am giving a ruling. I did respect your feelings to make a statement on this point. I had said that this very topic could be discussed while discussing the General Budget. At the same time, you were insistent on making your statement and I allowed you. In the course of your speech, you have not referred to this thing once but four times. Even after there was an angry response, you had repeated it. It was not necessary for you. I allowed you once to make that statement; I allowed you to make a statement second time. You had made it a third time and a fourth time. It appears that your intention is just to see that a response of that kind comes out. I am not going to allow you to make a statement like this. You please stick to the subject and I will allow you to make a statement. Otherwise, I will not allow you.

[Translation]

SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I was saying that 72 per cent population of India lives